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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Togo

Luxembourg

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Russian Federation

Latvia

Nigeria

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A ministerial meeting of the Security Council will be held on Thursday, 25 September 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider "The situation in Africa".

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670).

3 p.m.	8th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Japan

   Finland

   Portugal

   Netherlands

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

5. Address by His Excellency Dr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: UNHCR

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303); Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Section 27)

3. Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/51/967)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GROUP OF 15

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a closed meeting of five Presidents of Central America with the Secretary-General of the United Nations *today*, 23 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the revised draft ministerial communiqué)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. Conference Room E.

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 9th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Cde. Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Kiro Gligorov, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Inder Kumar Gujral, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

   Germany

   China

   France

   Mexico

3 p.m. 10th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Milan Kučan, President of the Republic of Slovenia.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Dr. Carlos Alberto Wahnon de Carvalho Veiga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde

   Lithuania

   Venezuela

   Argentina

   Ghana

   Sweden

   Dominican Republic

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session.

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 26 September 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Ninth Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 September 1997, in Conference Room 4.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

5th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1) [10]

The Secretary-General made a presentation of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/52/1).

Opening of the general debate [9]

The President of the General Assembly reminded the members of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 4th plenary meeting on 19 September that congratulations should not be expressed inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered.

In this connection, the President recalled a decision taken by the Assembly at the same meeting that speakers in the general debate, after having delivered their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through Room GA-200 at the rear of the podium before returning to their seats.

The President also reminded representatives that the list of speakers would be closed on Wednesday, 24 September 1997, at 6 p.m., and requested delegations to provide estimated speaking times that were as accurate as possible, so that meetings could be planned in an orderly way.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Luiz Felipe Palmeira Lamprea, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil.

Address by H.E. Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America

H.E. Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. The Honorable Major-General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, Prime Minister and Minister with Special Responsibility for the Constitution Review and Minister for Regional Development and Multi-Ethnic Affairs of the Republic of Fiji, addressed the General Assembly.

The Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honorable Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, and H.E. Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile.

6th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine

H.E. Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Bjørn Tore Godal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, H.E. Mr. Alfred Baphethuxolo Nzo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa, H.E. Mr. Josef Zieleniec, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, H.E. Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, and H.E. Dr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mr. Rolf Welberts (Germany) as one of its Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Ghassan Obeid (Syrian Arab Republic) as its Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/52/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210, the Committee set up a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the same resolution, elected H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada) to chair this working group and decided that the working group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/157, the Committee decided to reestablish the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law. It deferred the election of its Chairman.

A statement was made by the representative of India. The Chairman also spoke.

Upon adjournment of the Committee's meeting, the Working Group set up pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/210 began its work.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1997

399th meeting

Opening of the session

An opening statement was made by the Acting Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda (CRC/C/68).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Organizational and other matters [2]

Methods of work of the Committee [8]

The Committee began its consideration of these items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Venezuela (22 September 1997)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film

The Bureau for Programme and Policy Support of the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a presentation and discussion of the film "Amazon Journal" by Producer and Director Geoffrey O'Connor, on Thursday, 25 September 1997, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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